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# Eight Brand New Bits of Christmas Cheer

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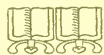


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Send me by Santa Claus one single smile  
And help me make it Christmas all the while.



I just can't see, to tell you true,  
How they spelt Christmas without a "You."  
For, as for me, there is no doubt  
It wouldn't be Christmas with "You" left out!



### A New Year's Wish.

May the only shadows that you see before you  
Be those caused by the sun of fortune shining  
Upon your back, and your only tears those of  
Joy and laughter.



May every hour of Christmas Day  
Strew life's best gifts along your way,  
And when the New Year comes, why then  
May the supply begin again!

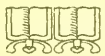
The golden argosy of my affection  
Is sailing to you over the seas of life,  
And waits but the Christmas-tide to  
Float it to the harbor of your heart!



If you would set my heart aglow  
Come stand beneath my mistletoe -  
I'll show you there with all my powers  
How bees sip honey from the flowers!



The air is not vast enough to carry my  
Wireless wishes of joy to you, so take this  
Card as a simple statement of your balance  
Of love in the Bank of my Heart!



The best of crafts for the Christmas-tide  
Is a friend-ship that will sure abide  
The storm and stress of life's troubled sea -  
Such is the craft that I send to thee!

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